

## World Soil Day cum Pre-Rabi Kisan Mela Organised at ICAR-KVK Ramgarh

5th Dec., 2016, Ramgarh, Jharkhand

The ICAR-KVK Ramgarh of the ICAR RCER organized World Soil Day cum Pre-Rabi Mela at its premises in Ramgarh, Jharkhand on 5th December 2016 in which 252 farmers including 48 women farmers from all the blocks in the Ramgarh District had participated. Shri. Amrender Kumar Gupta, Member, Regional Advisory Committee, NABARD was the Chief Guest of the function. Dr. A.K. Singh, Head, ICAR RCER Research Centre, Ranchi presided over the meeting and. Dr. V. Dwivedi, Programme Coordinator, ICAR-KVK, Ramgarh coordinated the event.



Speaking at the occasion, Shri. Amrender Kumar Gupta emphasized the need for safeguarding the soil health and called upon the use organic manures and bio-fertilizers to improve diminishing fertility of land. He had urged all the farmers to specially care for the soil health and do all the possible means to enrich the soil. Welcoming the guests and farmers, Dr. A.K. Singh spoke about the importance of the world soil day and read the message of the Honorable Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shri. Radha Mohan Singh. Dr. S.K. Naik, Senior Scientist, ICAR RCER Research Centre, Ranchi explained about the 'Soil Health Card' and the possible measures to enhance the soil fertility status of the Jharkhand state. Dr. V. Dwivedi spoke about the KVK activities and the interventions being carried out for the improvement of the soil fertility. At the meeting 59 soil health cards were distributed to the farmers.

On this occasion, a Kisan Ghosti (Farmers-Scientists Interaction Programme) was organised in which the scientists of ICAR RCER, Dr. S.K. Naik, Dr. P. Bhavana, Dr. Mahesh Kumar Dhakar and the subject matter specialists of ICAR-KVK, Dr. D.K. Raghav, Dr. Indrajeet and Dr. D. Kherwar had interacted with the farmers and answered their queries. An exhibition was also organized in which the technologies developed by the ICAR-RCER Research Centre, Ranchi were displayed along with the activities of the NGOs based at Ramgarh, Support and Srijan Foundation.

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